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Title **VOICE CODING METHOD, VOICE CODING APPARATUS, AND VOICE DECODING APPARATUS**

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension, a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(A) and authorization to charge the requisite fee being enclosed.

In response to the Office Action dated January 3, 2002, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Amended
1. (Amended) A voice coding method based on analysis-by-synthesis vector quantization comprising:

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